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PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. Always glad to talk to people.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, as I understand it, the ruling is that it requires 25 votes because it falls within an exception. Would you please, for the purposes of the records, state the exception because I think it may become critically important on this one-third of a million dollar appropriation. How much is it?

PRESIDENT: How much is it, Senator?

SENATOR DeCAMP: 23,000 or whatever.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: This year.

PRESIDENT: Or my decimal was off then. No.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Would you please state the exception?

PRESIDENT: No. No.

SENATOR DeCAMP: You are just saying it is an exception.

PRESIDENT: The Attorney General's...I have explained that I think it comes within the distinction pointed out by the Attorney General. I don't like the distinction. I think it puts an inordinate burden on the Chair and the Legislature to make a determination in fact. It would be an increased burden for me to try to justify each and every one of those but I do the best I can. The vote is still open. I will be glad to visit some more. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: OK. Now then that you have answered Senator DeCamp, sir, may I suggest something.

PRESIDENT: Well, I think we really ought to proceed with the vote, but, all right, what is your suggestion?

SENATOR DUIS: Sir, I also read the Attorney General's opinion and I appreciate the dilemma that it leaves, not only you, but all of us, in and consequently, I think your decision should be made very firmly on each one and then, if anyone is in opposition to this, they may challenge the ruling of the Chair because as I understand the Attorney General's opinion, they have left the decision as to whether the bill requires 30 votes or not because of the Constitution to be up to the Legislature and that decision you make and then anyone who desires to challenge your decision can certainly do so by challenging the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Record the vote. Yes, Senator DeCamp, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, then, I guess I would challenge the ruling of the Chair. I recall reading the opinion. I don't have it before me but I don't think this...

PRESIDENT: All right. You appeal my ruling.